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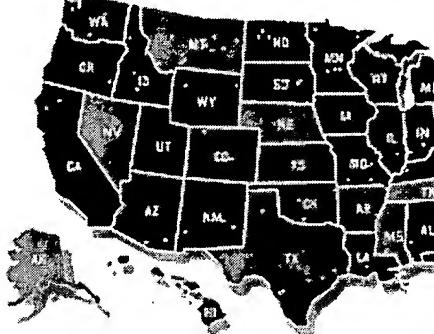
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**Definition:** SIM cards are small smart cards that fit inside phones based on the [GSM](#) technology. SIMs contain personalized information about its user including the network activation and even phone book entries. One can put its SIM card in another GSM phone and use it as if it was his own phone.

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